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- 1. A foreigner who wishes to register for permanent residence in Harbin must report in person to the Department of Public Security and bring with him an "exit permit" from his previous place of residence, the residents' book of the house at which he intends to stay, and two photographs. He is then registered by the Degartment in the residents' book and pays a fee of JMP 1,000. A new identity card is issued about a week later, at which time the receipt for the JMP 1,000 must be shown. Personal documents are not checked in the streets or in other public places.
- 2. When a foreigner wants to move to another town, he must obtain an exit permit and return his identity card (Vid na Jitselstvo) to the Public Security Department on the corner of Kitayskaya and Skvoznaya Streets. The exit permit is necessary for all travel out of Harbin, even if it is only as far as Metajsa, seven kilometers away.
- 3. Although he may buy a ticket without special authorization, a foreigner must have his permit checked before boarding a train and his baggage examined by a police and a customs officer at a special control post in the station. At his destination, he must pass through a special check post and go through a similar procedure as on boarding the train. His travel permit is stamped and a note is taken of the address at which he intends to stay,
- Tickets may not be purchased when on board the train. Anyone who is found on a train without a ticket must pay three times the fare charged for a first class ticket. A heavy fine is imposed on baggage if the weight exceeds the baggage limit of 20 kilograms.
- There are no restrictions on the use of private automobiles in Harbin, as long as the owner has a driver's license and a permit from the municipal traffic department. The permit and license plate may be obtained easily by paying certain taxes. Government cars have black numbers on a yellow background;

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police cars have black numbers on a blue background; and police and fire brigade cars are red with a white star on the back.

- 6. Both state and private restaurants in Harbin remain open until midnight. A meal, including soup, a meat course and tea, in the average restaurant costs JMP 4,800. There are no restrictions on the amount of food which can be ordered, but a fee of two percent is charged on bills over JMP 30,000. Large factories and government enterprises maintain canteens for their employees where a meal costs JMP 1,200.
- 7. Money may be sent without restriction inside China, either by mail or through banks. Postage for domestic letters is JMP 800 and for registered letters, JMP 2,000. All mail is placed in postboxes, and arrives at its destination without noticeable delay.

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